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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 3195

DEPT FOR A/SY/PRS/DP; A/SY/OPS/FO; A/SY/CC/TAGS; A/SY/PTS

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SUBJECT: INCREASED UTILIZATION OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICES BY
TERRORISTS; PROPOSED COUNTERMEASURES

REF: (A) SAN SALVADOR 3161, (B) SAN SALVADOR 3173, (B) TELCON
T. FOUNTAIN, SY/PRS AND W. HAWKINS, SY/PTS, 6/21/78, (D) SAN
SALVADOR 3191.

1. REFTELS CITE COLLECTIVE REPORTING WITH REGARDS TO DETERIORATING
SECURITY SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR. OF GREAT CONCERN TO
EMBASSY IS THE INCREASED TENDENCY OF THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS
TO UTILIZE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. ALTHOUGH THE USE OF SUCH DEVICES
IS NOT A NEW PHENOMENON TO EL SALVADOR OR ITS NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES, THE ACCELERATING SOPHISTICATION OF THE TERRORISTS IN
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF SUCH DEVICES IS. EMBASSY
BELIEVES APPROPRIATE COUNTERMEASURES SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN.

2. PER REF 3, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THE PRESENT LIMITED
INVENTORY OF AUDIO-VISUAL TRAINING AIDS GERMANE TO THIS
SUBJECT. EMBASSY ALSO WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY AND ALL
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ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY A/SY/PTS IN THE PROCUREMENT OF SUCH
AIDS AS A COUNTERMEASURE.

3. EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT THE DEPARTMENT SERIOUSLY CONSIDER
THE TDY DEPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT WILLIAM PENN, A FOREMOST
EXPERT IN THIS FIELD, ON A TRAINING MISSION TO EL SALVADOR.
EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT PENN'S PREVIOUS TRAINING

EXCURSIONS TO POSTS EXPERIENCING SIMILAR POLITICAL CLIMATE
HAVE MET WITH TREMENDOUS SUCCESS.

4. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF
PROPOSED COUNTERMEASURES PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS
IT MAY CARE TO OFFER.
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